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In re application of: Howick et al.

Group Art Unit: 3636

Serial No.: 10/715,160

Examiner: Peter R. Brown

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For: HEATER FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE AND METHOD OF FORMING
SAME

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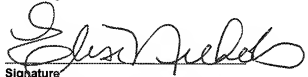
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ELECTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 121

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction requirement dated January 24, 2007 with respect to the above-identified patent application. Applicants elect, with traverse, to proceed with claims of Group II: claims 13-20, drawn to a seat of an automotive vehicle.

Applicants traverse the rejection on the grounds that a search of all of the originally submitted claims is not unduly burdensome. Applicants contend that a search of the particulars of the structure of the heater would, in most instances, also reveal the

article with which the heater is employed. As such, a search for the heater and the article to which it is applied should not be overly burdensome.


In view of the above, Applicants request that the Election/Restriction requirement be withdrawn. However, if the Examiner chooses to maintain the requirement, Applicants have submitted an Amendment herewith that is to be entered with new claims within the elected group. If the Examiner withdraws the requirement, Applicants request that the Amendment not be entered and that the originally submitted claims be examined.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, the Examiner is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Dated: 14 February, 2007

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